

## Items of Interest.

—Some 3 000 girls who were leading lives of shame were rescued through the agency of the Florence Crittenden missions of the country during 1896. These are but a fraction of the 283,000 wayward girls in the country.

—Seventeen daily and weekly papers are published in the English language in Japan, and over one hundred on the Asiatic Continent, while in all these countries there is only one German paper, the "Ostasiatische Lloyd." A weekly German paper is soon to be issued in Japan.

—What is said to be one of the most remarkable feats of memory is reported in a dispatch from Rome to have been accomplished in that city. Professor Edoe recited the whole of Dante's "Divina Commedia" without a mistake. He began at six o'clock in the evening and finished twenty-hours later.—*Christian Advocate*.

—Count Von Moltke uttered a plain, tho not very acceptable, truth when he said: "Beer is a far more dangerous enemy to Germany than all the armies of France."

—The last days of the "Great Eastern" were certainly sad, considering the purpose for which she was designed, and the great work she did in cable laying. For some time before she was broken up on the mud of the river Mersey, near Liverpool, she was on view as a show ship. One firm of Liverpool clothiers hired her for a season, and in addition to using her for their advertising purposes, made use of her for catch-penny shows. In the large cable tank a circus was fitted up, and performances given at so much a head, while other exhibitions of the Coney Island type were spread all over her deck.—*Forward*.

—De Quincey, who devoted his life to the reading of books, said that the greatest number of books any one person could hope to get thro with in man's allotted time was 8,500.

—New York has seven millionaire editors,

—Philadelphia has a greater mileage of electric railways than the whole of Germany.

—Of one thousand persons only one reaches the age of one hundred years, and not more than six that of sixty-five years.

—It is noted that the women of the royal families of Europe are, on the average, much stronger mentally and physically than the men.

—Statistics prove that nearly two-thirds of the letters carried by the world's postal services are written, sent to, and read by English-speaking people.

—Sheet-iron is rolled so thin at the Pittsburg iron mills, that 15 000 sheets are required to make a single inch in thickness. Light shines as readily thro one of the sheets, as thro ordinary tissue paper.

—Miss Helen Gould has six bicycles at her country place at Irvington-on-the-Hudson for her own use and that of her friends. Miss Gould rides in a short skirt, a waist of the same material, and an Alpine hat. She never mounts her wheel on Sunday.

—China still uses birds for special purposes. Duck-breeding is carried on on a large scale. In place of a dog, a special breed of goose is kept to watch over the flocks of ducks on the water. It is one of the most wide-awake and vociferous of birds and performs its duties well.—*Exchange*.

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